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Woods on May 25, 1930

in field of sprouting oats a Killdeer's egg in a slight depression. Pale blue-gray with black dots clustered at large end.

farther on deep red-brown muck-decayed wood - foot sinks in.

wild lily of the valley - two varieties - delicate white clusters - glossy green leaves.

deep, soft, damp leaf mold. jack-in the pulpit. green outside pulpit, inside purple + cream stripes.

violet leaves but

"may apple"
"umbrella"
violets nearly over.
Trilliums - few.
Mandrakes - many - glossy umbrella of leaves - wax - white, 5 petalled flower underneath with cream center.
Under veil of dead leaves - grass gleam brilliant red berries with tiny shining dark leaves. Squawberries. good to eat.

sat on grass close to 9th Concession old road bordered thick with mandrakes.

Pond - turtles on log - shiny dark

gray backs. hear us come + slide off one after another with scarcely a splash. on bright green mossy log in water.

Holstein cows lying on grass like a vivid black + white appliqué on emerald ground.

2 bob-o-links on fence. sang sharp, high song and fluttered on.

mare + colt in clover field. mare grazes. colt lying down invisible in deep clover, till suddenly throws up legs + rolls over.

hickory trees in fields
& in lane.

poplars around house.

June
asparagus growing
wild at edge of field -
gone to seed.

Road through woods. woods close on either side - green light. boggy ground - pools of water. many trilliums.

Old houses. Unpainted. Barn + house falling to pieces. Littered yard. general air of dilapidation + misery. but often a tall lilac in full bloom or tall pink honeysuckle bushes, or ~~beds~~ rows of iris in bloom. purple + cream.

farm on both sides of road. house on one side, barn + farm bldgs. on other side.

Old grave yards. stones taken up. ploughed, smoothed over + stones set up again in straight rows.

Straw stack in yard eaten under in mushroom shape.

Mare in field with slender, delicate little colt.

Sheep + lambs.

saw mill.

hickory nuts - gathered in fall. small + hard to crack, but sweet + good.

young colt - tiny body + long lean head on long tottering legs. woolly little tail. lies in sun + totters after mother.

Chickens raised by a Cluck.
given nothing to eat for 24 hrs. after being hatched.

step on each other. some with weak legs. bunch up & suffocate some.

by 6 wks. should perch.
fly out madly when door opened.
2 fighting - stand & stare at each other motionless, with necks stretched up & beaks only an inch or two apart. Then one moves uneasily & other jumps toward it &

both jump & peck furiously with raised wings. others come & join in.

fed a mixture of meal, bone meal, charcoal, alfalfa, cod liver oil, salt etc.

drink much water.

see hawk circling over field, run out screaming & clapping hands.

cleaning eggs - wipe off stains with damp cloth. all colors - pearly white, almost transparent, pale cream, warm tan, no two quite alike.

= Count = 6 at one

Farm garden

iris - purple, cream & white

peonies

tulips - dark red & maure

bleeding heart

spirea bush

plum & cherry trees in garden.

strawberry patch.

rhubarb

potatoes, asparagus, beans, carrots, turnips

seeds kept from all plants & flowers.

Chickens get in garden, scratch up seeds & eat shoots off bulbs. board up holes in fence, & spade up dirt to mulch

bottom of wire. prop gate shut with sticks.

Chickens eat off all grass, oats

Roosters 6-7 wks. old make still, squeaky efforts to crow.

hard to get chickens into house at night. all in but one. hunt everywhere for that but cannot find it. ~~at night~~ next a.m. it is running about. found a shelter for the night.

Belgians
come in to raise
tobacco.
make beer & drink
it instead of water.
give it to children.
scandal of neighbors.
"D rives our men
crazy. They (Belgians) can stand
it because they're
used to it."

do not cook or
bake. women work in
fields with men. buy
whole ham & put
it on table with
mugs of beer. eat
much meat & cheese.
minimum of
furniture & housework.
Talk a little English.

Cattle turned into field of sweet clover after milking in evening. "gap" opening in fence. "close up the gap" - close it with loose rails.

morels found in woods. "foot of a pine tree". Cream colored, hollow, spongey, cone-shaped.

fried or boiled. "taste like beef steak"

Customs & habits.

Horror of canned goods.

"I never have a can in my house except salmon once in a while."

"We certainly don't waste any money on canned stuff."

"I never put canned stuff on my table."

"They say canned peaches are the first choice of fruit for a wedding."

"Mrs. — said they serve a corn fritter with syrup every day at dinner at the Woodstock Hotel for five cents extra.

since that we have them kind of often."

Distrust of "unseasonable" weather. Must be evened up somehow. = "Unseasonable" heat or cold always bad for things.

= Blackstrap

"a china figure of a boy fell off the shelf and didn't break. My aunt died that night.

Man said white hens did not lay & he said "I wonder what young person is dead." On morning heard boy had been killed by car on Ottawa Road [illegible]

Calves run away - 5 little ones. run down lane. go thru fild to head them off. run into gate & yard.

got into barn at last & then run out at back & have to be rounded up & herded in again.

back legs almost stiff. Clear, innocent face. deep curly red - brown & white hair & soft ears.

Chasing cattle - = So - boss! So - boss! to Cows.

= Here - Ho - boy! to dog. great barking, shouting & running.

2 cats sitting on chair staring with brilliant round eyes.

Cat on sill of parlor window trying to catch flies.

Cats chasing moths on floor of lighted verandah on summer night. caught & ate one.

trouble to get cats in at night. call & hunt but will not come in. big dog will kill them if left out.

2 cats chasing a hickory nut about the dining room & playing with same like

Remedies

Plantain leaves tied on soles of feet for pain in feet.

"Rattlesnake oil."
"Regular $1 a bottle, now 50¢ a bottle or 3 for $1. One drop on a corn and in ten seconds somebody can jump on it + you won't feel it."
Put one drop on a piece of bull's hide or sole leather + in 10 seconds it come through. "If it will do that to a piece of bull's hide, what will it do to yours?"

Rub olive oil and kerosene on sore muscles.

many pills & bottles of tonic.

Dishcloth falls on the floor - a sign of company coming.

Broom falls across the door - a sign of company.

Lots of soot on back lid of stove. When stove greasy from frying, rub it with this soot - as good as polish.

Heavy woollen quilts on beds. Made of men's old clothes & old cloth dresses lined with flannelette.

Rayon underwear for best; coarse factory cotton for every day.

Bright colored silk embroidery on tan linen with tan lace edge or fringe.

Pressed glass pitcher & glasses on tray. pitcher full of folded squares, balls of wool, cloth patches, old envelopes.

12 drawer containing

patterns cut out of newspaper, rolled & marked

"Plain back, surplice waist"

"Nightgown"

"Plain slip"

desk full of account books, grocery bills, church papers, thread, screws, embroidery patterns, mail order catalogues, government bulletins etc.

Many tall black bottles of patent medicine & small brown bottles of pills in cabinet.

Paste made by boiling cornstarch & water

Telephone. Know every ring + whether rung by central or someone on the same line. Centrals ring brisk + strong. Other person's often short + weak.
Listening in.

Intense interest in relationships. Trace out carefully.
"His first wife was Ed Smith's cousin."
"No, his sister."
"No, because there was only boys in that family. She was his first cousin."
"I think he was related to the Smiths thru his 13/mother. Wasn't she a

Smith on her mother's side?" etc.

rumors that new mail order catalogue out. great anxiety to see it. compare prices with other mail order + last catalogue.

= That's pretty."

= That must be somethin' new."

= I wonder what that's like?"

"Would it wear? Would it boil?"

Interest. interest in accident. boy killed by car on road at night.

Phone ringing all day. listen in.

Tense queries -

"Did he die right away? Did he suffer long? I heard his neck was broken. If it was I don't see how he lived till they got him to the doctors office.

"Well some say his neck was broke and some say he died in the doctors office. That's all I know.

"Where'd they take him? To the house or

the undertaker's?
"Who was his folks?
I hear he has a
mother in St. Catherines.
I hear he come from
the Children's Shelter.
"The boy that drove
the car was a reckless
driver, I heard. Two
cars passed + he was
blinded by the lights.
Funny the boy wasn't
looking."

"We was coming
from Port Dover + a
car in front of us
had the son driving +
the father in the front
seat learning home to
do the chores. A wheel
came off + the father

was throwed out. His neck was broke. They carried him in a house; Marshie helped. They sat him up at first but when they laid him down he died. I'll never forget it."

On Sunday people pouring into Undertakers to see body. Gray casket with wreaths. People peering - at body & at cards on wreaths.

tense discussion.

argue about spot on road.

many go to funeral

many calendars on wall. sole wall decoration in kitchen & dining room. none in bedrooms, or worsted mottoes & a few oil paintings.

Large calendars from grocer, hardware, insurance, motor car co., farm implement Co., bank. nursery Co. etc.

Trouble with meat in summer. Spoils quickly. Can only buy small amt. at time. Much very fat pork. boiled in frying pan, water poured off & fried crisp.

front tooth painful. Swelled up.

goes to dentist. 50¢ to pull. $1 to pull with local anaesthetic.

has pulled for 50¢ + gets ice cream to take home with other 50¢.

"he don't show his front teeth much."

bridge would cost $28. "Ridiculous!"

"I had 8 teeth out at one time with no stuff on. I was no good the next day. I would don't do it again."

cars sliding along the dark road each bearing before it a long spear of light.

milk poured from pail into can thru fine strainer. Strainer cloth clipped on bottom of strainer with a ring. milk cans kept in cement milk house close to pump.

milk pails & strainer washed & scalded in morning.

Food

Much use of pickles- mustard pickle, pepper hash, pickled pears etc. used in winter when no veg. except a few canned ones + potatoes, + much meat.

much syrup.

Canned fruit.

men call for what they want + women wait on them.

If man gets up to wait on himself, women irritated as at aspersion on their Care.

"Dad waitin on himself! Can't you wait a minute. I was just ready to get it."

champing potatoes - put butter in pan to fry + champed with top of a baking powder tin.

mooning - men lie down for a little while after dinner.

high piled (white) bread in thick slices. great squares of cheese. fried pork for men every morning + some evenings. pickle. fried potatoes nearly every noon. cake every night. tea 3 meals a day

Canned meat - Cans sealed with 1 inch of fat. pieces fried for dinner.. Eat - duckin fish

Birds May 1930

bobolink - very many

killdeer - black stripe around neck. Tan back long legs + beak. quick, pretty walk near water.

meadowlark

American goldfinch - "wild canary".
a dozen flew out of ditch.

robin

Baltimore oriole

barn swallow

vesper sparrow

flicker

blackbird

red-winged blackbird

humming bird

cedar waxwing

kingbird

bluebird

black bird picking up worms for babies. mouth full of worms, lays them down to pick up another + has to pick up all again.

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Flowers & plants

wild spikenard
Canada mayflower, or
false lily of the
valley
skunk cabbage

jack in the pulpit or
Indian turnip

trillium

mandrake
wild strawberry

wild geranium

blue & yellow violets
wintergreen berry, larger,
darker leaf than
squaw berry or
partridgeberry

~~1930 ox-eye daisy~~ (Oct.)

Red peonies always bloom first. pink & white later.
(buds on only 1 plant)

house plants
"wandering dew" (Jew)
in vases of water.
geraniums in pots or box. rose geranium
petunia,
Calceolaria (tiny red spickled balloons) (killed by lice).
patience
baby's tears (tiny leaves)
shamrock tiny deep pink flowers
syringa called "orange blossom"

always asking for & exchanging slips & seeds.

Chickens scratch up seeds & eat shoots off bulbs & plants.

Turkey Point

Rattlesnake Harbor
now called Ellerton
Rosannah
Walsh
Vitoria
Windham Center
New Durham

Wild Flowers cont'd June 8

bittersweet or purple nightshade
Cow lily or yellow pond lily
mandrake
mustard
wild strawberry
red clover
alsike
white clover
yellow clover
yellow wood sorrel

ox-eye daisy
feverfew

Norfolk County

plantation of tiny pine trees in great sand field. Tall mullein stalks a foot or two above the pines.

strong wind + sand blowing in reddish buff clouds across the road. fields + mounds of pure sand. at side of road, stumps in ground completely exposed from sand blowing away from roots.

tobacco soil.

4 jack rabbits - very large, huge ears. one coming down road. 2 or 3 others in fields. brown

woodchuck sitting motionless in center of field.

watched farms.

tiny villages.
frame hotel.
gas station
store
2 or 3 houses
church ~~or~~ cemetery

abandoned frame church. drive shed falling to pieces.

neglected fields full of stumps + brush. no effort to clear.

sour dock - bright red patches in fields

Potatoes in fields

Village street
purple iris.
bridal wreath in full
bloom. great white
bushes in nearly every
yard.

Cats tin plate behind
stove - get bits of potato,
bread + milk.
dogs - crusts + meat
scraps. always hungry.
dog steals out of
cats' plate.

Couch grass - yellow
roots jointed every inch
or so - send up new shoots
at every joint. looks like
2 foot grass. Grows some fields full
2 ft.

neighbors complain that yellow cat kills their chickens.

Tell them over the phone

"meanest thing you can do to tell such things over the phone."

Tell him to kill cat when he sees it.

Come over triumphantly to say they have killed the cat & see it lying in front of fire.

another yellow cat that they killed.

= Nenchtables"

= Only two of mine'll (children) touch potatoes without they're all fussed up."

= Mine aren't anything on fruit. Nothing but pineapple."

= Wild as a hawk."

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= Its noways likely."

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= Its more ways likely."

= Wanderin' around like a

wanderin' Jew."

fall-leaf table

bad friends.

"open a pie" = take the first piece.

"If I had to draw my breath with a string I'd be dead." (expression for frequent tiredness)

rammy = headlong, impulsive, violent

"I'd sleep if you'd hang me on a nail."

quiz - tease

plissy - fat, paunchy

lounge

torment = That much macaroni & cheese is just a torment."

pillow cases, aprons & towels of bleached flour bags.

flannelette sheets with seam down center.

Many quite young women with false teeth like chear crockery. bluish or yellowish, large & glaringly artificial. gums a staring yellow or buff.

one woman with false teeth above & black stumps below.

woman in singing & talking draws down upper lip & shows only lower teeth.

="I like the paper even there ain't no gilt in it."

papering

="I never had a paper hanger in my house." proudly.

Cheap paper. badly matched + obviously patched.

="Walls ain't much to do but I dread the ceilins."

Fondness for large + bright patterns. always borders.

woman fell from a board on which she was standing to paper pantry ceiling + broke both legs. very large + heavy. lay on the floor an hour before found.

Ceiling strip fell when

wood work + floors painted mustard color. artificially grained.

bookcase full of school books.

window shades fixed at a certain height. cannot be raised or lowered.

windows propped up on sticks.

100 lb. bag of sugar kept upstairs. go up for each cupful as used. bread kept in cellarway. potatoes, canned fruit, milk + butter in cellar. Miles walked to prepare a meal.

 tion on boardon table.

No brought carpet.

woven rag rugs or braid rugs, with scalloped edges - scallop blanket - stitched in red.

Men leave shoes in kitchen.

see funeral go by. Whose? Ask everyone. no rest till find out whose it was + all about it.

wall paper. buy bundle lots. do not know what it's like till opened.

women all have ailments.

"I never could eat potatoes since I was so sick."

"I have to wear a corset all the time to keep my kidney in place."

"I spent a lot on corsets since my operation, but I heard of some women spends $15 so I guess $7 or $8 ain't so bad."

one takes gall stone tablets. another kidney pills.

one anemic, another high blood pressure. many with rheumatism

Cow lying in field.
Crow flying over it.
Moved leg or raised head.

anchor - post -
post at gate in a
fence

sealer - (fruit jar)
store - debt

deal - any business
dealing or exchange.

heavy rain - men
lie around house all
day.

preacher has churches
in two or three towns.

Fear of spending ~~women~~ money.

= Just so it don't cost anything."

= Well, anyway there's no money goin' outt."

= Seems a lot for just that."

= Too much. I wouldn't give it."

Go to any amt. of trouble, toil & inconvenience to avoid spending money.

Patch till no old material left.

Only 1 egg in a Cake. If 2 something special

= Ought to be good. It's got two eggs in it."

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reading aloud - read aloud long items from paper - spelling long words. read prices, weather, notes of freaks & peculiarities, notices about people known or heard of. omit nothing.

young people out with cat nearly every night in winter. Church & young people's or neighborhood affairs.

hot work all day. hot weather. woman went in swimming in river after dark. delicious coolness. could not swim. "struck a few strokes"

Beech always good for kin wood. Pine burns up quickly.

pan boils over. drops of water dance on top of hot stove & roll away like glass beads.

Supply of wood kept in wood shed for use in wet weather when wood pile wet.

old corn planter - push handles together with a clank which makes hole & releases corn. step on hole & make another. planting beans in garden with it.

old man does fence-post digging + chopping for #2 a day; rolling, dragging, plowing for $1.50.

= He is a wonder to shovel manure. He takes such a pride in it + boasts about how fast he is. He is as good as any manure spreader."

at table reach for bread, bun, cheese etc. with fork.

old man cools tea in saucer.

eat with knife + spoon. little use for fork except to stab bread or cake.

engagement or marriage never announced. marriage very quiet. couple goes away for a few days + friends arrange a shower soon after they get home. bring gifts, sandwiches + cake. play games, mock wedding or dance. great interest in gifts + comparison with what others got or brought.

Garden party - to raise money given by ladies aid etc. quilt sold - 320 autograph worked on in red at 10¢ each. auctioned off for $15. gate receipts. cake sold for 5¢ a piece. Cones, chocolate

bars, hot dogs etc.
Program - Melody Boys, Bob Nuilson.
Very old + silly jokes.
= Some people say we're spring from monkeys. I come from Wales (whales)."

recital
piano + vocal pupils.
youngest first.
Masses of peonies + syringa. piano lamps.
Children dressed in bright, painfully new dresses + suits. proud parents. very hot.
afterward, girl who played wiping off patent leather slipper with handkerchief. = Just think, it's all over for another year. A whole year. And next time it's [illegible]

Quarrel over garden. men can't find time to prepare it. Women want it in. chickens scratch it up.

arguments over kind + cost of chicken food.

whether women shall help milk.

men grumble when fresh pail of water wanted or more wood for stove.

- "where's my shirt?"
= "where's my clean overalls?"
= "where's any clean socks?"
= "where's the razor? blades?"

Man champions dog because it chases cats, women condemn it because it tries to kill cats

Poor tools- have to repair things & do all sorts of jobs with the wrong tools & those broken. tools always lost. axe in the woods. hammer at the hen house or barn when wanted.

bring in eggs in apron all through day. wash & dry them & put in big basket for store. Count them last thing - three in each hand = 6 = a "count"

Argument over time of meals. Men want supper before or after milking. Come late to dinner because cannot tell time in field.

Sounds of Farm

Cows lowing early in morning, birds singing.

Constant Chip of Chickens + crowing of young roosters.

Hiss of goose when you go near her.

robins, bobolinks, blackbirds.

dogs fight or chase cats up tree.

Human Cries.

very sharp, shrill call to cover a long distance.

"Chook, Chook, Chook" to chickens.

shill scream to frighten hawks or crows from hunting chickens.

men
= Here, boy! "Calling dog to chase cows.
- Sic, boss! Sic, boss!" to cows.

= Kitty, kitty, kitty" then shill voice to call in cats.

June 14

purple flags in ditch
many daisies, here & there
patches pink with
wild roses.

in gardens - abundance
of cream & purple
iris. pink & white
peonies in prime.

timothy fields
blue-green.
rye pale yellow &
headed out. corn
well up.
red fields white
with blossoms.
dense raspberry
patches beside road.
in gardens: plum
trees full of hard green
plums, apples formed,
cherries turning yellow.

strawberries beginning to ripen. potato plants quite tall.
plenty of gooseberries.

After heavy rain wet ground smooth, dotted with tiny holes + covered with criss-cross of fine narrow lines. tracks of angleworms?

women rub shoes with vaseline on Sunday.

sheets, bedding, overalls, underwear etc. boiled. stirred & lifted in boiler with broomstick.

washer filled & emptied with pails by hand.

Alarm in middle of night. "Cows in oats."

think our cows. get out with dogs but "dogs won't work."

find they are neighbor's cows. cannot find gap they came thru in dark. phone neighbor to get them. lights, noise & excitement

piano - pi-ano
= We had ours seventeen years and it's only been tuned twice. We got a good one. — 's got a cheap one and have to have it tuned every two years."

= Them talkies put me in mind of a man in Simcoe with a hare lip. You can't understand anything he says either."

= The oldest man can do something. If he can't do nothing else he can watch the gaps.

Women's Institute Constitution
reports. Institute women-
helped widow whose
husband killed in
gravel pit.
oil school floors.
provide sugar + cocoa
for school lunch.
" oranges for xmas treat
blankets, layettes etc.
for poor people or people
burned out.
keep up rent room
paid for nurse for
sick boy.

autograph quilts
pieced quilts to sell
bought blanket + sold
tickets on it.

sewing + cooking courses
judging courses
93 family picnics, dress
[illegible] planning

food socials
showers for Children's Shelter
health playlet

woman goes to school
every 2 wks. to play
piano for class.

display of pioneer relics

demonstrations of reed
work, sewing, salad
making etc.

buttonhole contest
yard of cotton contest

talks on gardening
New Canadians, Legion
Debate subjects - "That
riches produce more
unhappiness than poverty."
"That men spend more
money for pleasures than
women."

People

Stanley Davis

He & George went in together to buy an $18,000 farm. Then George married Edna & Wyatts objected. Did not want her to live in same house with S. D's. George withdrew. Coldness between brothers since.

Stanley makes more from eggs now than Cows. Has 2500 chicks. very hard struggle to get along. Cannot sell except at a heavy loss.

House in a hollow a mile back from road.

Her mother & step-

father help them a good deal with money.

Have no car.

2 hired men. both get good wages & keep cars.

Stanley had break-down. died of heart trouble.

George D.

bought farm.
very hard time.
lately has been
desperate for money.

tried chickens & lost.
valuable horse died.
tried to truck eggs
to Toronto, truck broke
down & lost $80 in the
one trip.

Three children in 3½
years. All sickly at
first. heavy doctor
bills.

Mr. Boyatt went out
to the farm & had every
convenience put in for Edna,
offered to pay for all,

but George wanted to pray
+ couldn't.

Couple live with husband's father on his farm. Work for him for years, raise children, but own nothing themselves + no agreement.

husband dies suddenly.

(father may marry again.)

father sent wife + her 2 boys off with nothing but the proceeds of that summer's crop + some stock.

Walter's wife - left with child on father-in-law's farm. has nothing of her own.

Masons
son married girl of 17 against will of mother & sister. father dead. They very bitter & violent, did everything to stop match. Then took furniture & moved to a house in Norwich.

girl pert & bold, rather pretty. man crazy about her.

went out in field & talked to him all afternoon.

never worked before. furnish only a few rooms.

at a party sit on same chair with his arm around her.

she does not care what she says. said

loudly at party.

"I wish I was home in bed. Nothing to do here. This is not fun."

enjoys shocking & offending people.

Clintons

Woman had an illegitimate son before she married. someone else raised him.

her oldest son by her husband had a baby 5 months after he married.

very active in W.S. never missed a meeting. very talkative + sage.

Jeffrey

Will - deaf, rather lazy, fits of mild insanity.

had a farm near the tracks + traded with his brother for farm on road because of his deafness. worried for years whether he had got worst of bargain.

always wanted luxuries. Wife went in for many religions + fads. Children well educated. man went into debt.

sold out - all except 50 acres.

kept old negro man to help for years for food + clothes.

Parsons

very proud & aristocratic hold themselves above rest of town.

2 sons Anglican ministers. daughter goes to college - marries doctor.

well to do - hire work done. have big house, fine clothes. Children well educated everyone calls family stuck-up. Then lost money. quite poor.

do own work & make own clothes with same aristocratic air. proper thing to do. Calm & proud as ever.

son marries girl of poor family. Opposed at first but make best of it.

4/ of it.

Baking

he very clever at business; reputation for strict honesty & always paying spot cash. Very up to date. poor sandy farm but raises straw. berries, asparagus. Made $7000 one year in tobacco. But illiterate. Can barely write name.

Wife can do scarcely more.

5 children. school very hard for them. eldest boy went till 17 & could never pass entrance. went a year to business college.

now writes letters for father & mother.

girls fail at entrance several times. try very hard but cannot learn

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Scotts
she a = home girl,
ignorant people but
5 children very bright.
all do very well in
school. eldest girl a
stenographer in Toronto.

Butts's

tenants. 3 Children very improvident

"As soon as she gets a dozen eggs she runs to the store."

owes everybody runs up huge bills. boys work out & neglect farm but never have money.

woman kept boarders once but was in debt in the end.

man lazy & shiftless "no manager."

ask owner to pay for shoes for boys & let her buy groceries on his credit.

hopelessly lazy & careless.

Ivy Pennington
Mother over 80. walks on
crutches.
sister insane.
Ivy very sweet &
gentle. Plays piano.
Was to be married
but insane sister
prevented marriage.
sister gets better &
worse.

Church

Howard - deserted wife years ago. she supports her 2 children. lost one. goes out in evening with children & puts them to sleep on chairs.

Fred - lives with wife, but has never given her a cent. She takes in sewing & he steals money from her purse. 2 small children. thin, homely girl with straight, fair hair.

McDougall

old couple. woman sickly + very cranky + particular.

adopted son, wife + 2 children 6 + 2.

young couple have own rooms. but very hard to please old woman. must keep all baby things upstairs. keep children out of the way or make them behave perfectly. boy 2 has fits. very white. cannot put him in sun because trees near house make it shady + if allowed farther off he would run away.

Mrs. Eva Pike

was keeping house for 2 brothers. one a bachelor, one a widower. anxious to marry. got into correspondence with a widower in N. S. (* over) went to marry him. each to wear a rose to recognize each other.

"When she saw him she had a mind to take off her rose & come home."

Married him. lent him money to improve land. When he died, married son moved on to farm at once. wife got nothing & had to come back & keep house for same widower brother.

* in great doubt whether to go or not. went to a fortune teller who said she would marry.

"When we were little Dad would give us fits if we hurried a cow or hit one or let the dog chase it. He never let them run; now he chases them himself & throws sticks & sets the dogs on them."

horse moves forward when crates of chickens being loaded on wagon.

"Babe stop it, you old fool!"

"Babe, stop! I'll kill you!"

"A horse has to be always eatin'. Drive you crazy."

Woman constantly doing embroidery work. Knows all latest patterns & stitches. spends all her time at it & does great quantities. Seems to think & talk of nothing else.

people always late starting. never go for train or bus till last minute + have to hurry or may miss it. begin to make sandwiches + salad dressing after guests arrive. never get interested in getting ready till it is late.

woman on pins + needles for fear of missing train. talks about nothing else. fidgets in chair. gets up + down. puts on hat. always waits ½ to 1 hour for train.

young couple married at 1st $20. bitter struggle. nothing to start on. Children had a home, illness, trouble & death

go into debt & work out of it. did every kind of work.

both knew what they were doing.

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when people wait till older to marry others expect more & they have to set up a higher standard of living.

Women mend screens, put on & take off screen doors & storm doors. do much carpentry work about house. make roosts for chicken house.

repair garden fence & gate.

put up shelves. mend chairs.

wire screening tacked over outside of windows.

planting potatoes. walk along with pail of seed potatoes & throw them into row at intervals. have pile of potatoes in row to fill pail from. Plow between rows to cover

Women price everything in store. Try on hats, look over everything, comment freely.
"No. Just looking."

poor sewing things- dull scissors with broken point, coarse thread, needles stuck in curtain. Machine drawers full of trash.

Driving home at night. Country looks deserted. In a hollow thick white mist covers road + trees + makes it hard to see ahead.

Pumpkin bugs - small black with yellow stripes on back. Eat cucumbers also.

Robins eat cherries.

Worms eat gooseberries.

birds eat currants + raspberries.

Chickens eat strawberries + scratch up seeds.

rose bugs - everywhere

gray bugs

Cart manure to fields + spread it with a fork.

lecture on food etc.
="Too much pork, potatoes, pickles & pastry eaten by farmers. Should not fry etc."
Used as a subject for rebuttal.
="What else can you do but fry things?
="We already have potatoes three times a day. If Dad didn't have meat every meal he'd die."
="Well, if salt & pepper makes high blood pressure I'll have it for 3 eat pounds."
="It's all foolish. So & so eats pork & pie every meal & there boys is strong as steers."
="Fried pork never hurt me."="I always eat pickles ever

"It's no pleasure on a farm. All the little young things you get fond of are always being killed."

fondness for chickens.

Calf truck. men put in straw. bring out scales. one gets on to test it. then bring out calf - one holds ears, other tail. one man gets on scales + holds it on. then lift it by legs + dump it in truck. Calf struggles silently except for one or 2 loud bawls. 9 ¢ lb. live weight.

man comes up Hiring 8 ¢.

"I can take anything so it's in the shape of a pill."

few strawberries in patch. grown up with sweet clover. have to hunt thru clover for berries for supper.

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drawing pegs to factory. some loads brilliant green, others yellowish. have to wait in line to be unloaded + weighed till 12, 1 or 2 at night.

bunches of peg vine fall off truck in road + people stop to pick up + take home. bunch may make 1 or 2 meals.

common buttercup - crowfoot
strong spicy smell of
clover behind cut - like
sweet grass basket).
Clusters of red berries
elderberries in bloom
round white medallions
daisies
clover - purple, white, pink
fields yellow with mustard
blue lupine
wild roses
water plantain - small
yellow flower in ditch
on long slim stems.
toadflax or butter + egg
yellow melilot or yellow
sweet clover.
white sweet clover.
fleur-de-lis
tinges of yellow + red
in green
milk weed in fields
strawberry pickers
cherry trees red.

garden

rest of raspberry canes
potato + tomato plants
pale yellow curly lettuce
radish beet leaves
tall onions with seed st.
shrubs with tall blossoms
peas blue-green with
white blossoms

roses in bloom in garden red,
deep pink, white, yellow
little hard pink peas
on tree
Catalpa in bloom
pointed purple spikes of
sumac.
Canterbury bells in
garden of purple white +
pink.
gorgeous orange poppies +
tiger lilies.

purple vetch (black seeds
hanging cherry pickings used for dye in wax)

= When I went to school they didn't use no little strap that makes a big noise & that's all. They had a cane with a hook on it that left a welt across your back as wide as my thumb.

= 'Toe the mark' the master would shout and there you had to stand till he had time to 'tend to you.

= Many's the time I ~~beat~~ sent to the bushes to cut a two-hander to lay about my own shoulders.

= I want to see Toronto exhibition. The new inventions are what I like and the airplanes that fly under the telephone wires.

Horse sick
broke loose & went back
in woods. operate.
brought up to house &
lay down. got it up
& walked it around
but lay down again
& rolled on side with
legs out stiff.
call vet. horse
lies down till he comes.
vet gets it up. takes
off hat & listens with
head against its
side. feels it over.
horse wanders around
miserably & lies
down again. heat
water for a hypodermic
well in morning.

Cherry tree red with cherries. In its branches 6 robins & 3 chickens eating cherries. Cherries picked & eaten from tree warm from sun.

holding pail of corn. Chickens crowd around pecking feet & ankles. four fly into pail, beating wings & fighting for advantage. feeling of fear as tho one might be eaten alive by chickens. cannot get them out of pail except by lifting out bodily.

S. S. picnic
Port Burwell

big tables with salmon, ham, cheese sandwiches, cakes, pies, tarts, bowls of potato salad, bottles of pickles. pass tea. take milk in bottle wrapped in ~~burdock~~ rhubarb leaf.

races. ball games. go in lake. Children in cotton suits or old dresses. lard or honey pails to play with.

always some one who loves to run things.

recognize other people's food.

"That's Mrs — 's pickle."

"That cake is Mrs — 's. She always makes chocolate layer cake for a picnic."

drawing peas to factory. factory sells pea straw back to farmers for bedding at $1 a ton. $## a ton for 40
peas shelled.

soft ball.
boy rushes thru milking & goes off without supper to play ball. neighborhood or town groups play against each other.

July 5
goslings very large. boat shaped bodies. white & pale gray down.

wild orange-red lily
milkweed flowers
loose, pink clusters.
very fragrant.

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At night
flaming sunset
Wind around zenith-
trees show brilliantly
detailed + clear.
etched on orange
lying ground. many
shapes + sizes.
hay in fields
raked into round
heaps.
moon peering
thru rags of cloud.

little white butterflies
over sweet clover.
large yellow one with
black-bordered wings.
tiny life of grass-
ants, beetles, measuring
worm humping itself
over grass blades, grasshop-

unloading hay.
wagon load backed
into barn. hay fork
pulled down from
roof, plunged into
pile of hay & fastened.
team of horses
attached to rope outside
passing over pulley.
pull outward &
load of hay swings
up to roof & across
to hay loft. pull
rope & fork releases
load. man on
wagon swings on
rope, swings off onto
beam as load is
lifted. dust. warm,
sweet smell.
woman drives horses.

load upset outside
barn. has to be carried
in with forks.
rope to turn hay brake &
load & pulley fix & hurt people.

2 horses

mowing
hay - lying on ground a
mass of flowers - daisies
lupine, sweet clover,
grass yellowing.
big brown butterflies
flying over oats.
exquisite fragrance
of cut hay + milkweed.
fence posts peeled
at top + weathered
to the color of bright
silver + a gloss +
texture like satin.
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corn cultivator
dog following man
as he walks. 1 horse
or
2

raking hay into
cocks in nearby
meadow.

pocketful of huge, bent, rusty nails. If a nail needed, have to straighten one of these, or find a board with nails in it, draw & straighten them.

Crating Broilers

get empty crates, some had loose slat in center, others sliding door in middle.

women in henhouse to catch roosters. Violent beating about & squawking. handed out 3 or 4 at a time by legs thru barely-opened door or hole in wall. Crates nailed up.

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When phone rings know who is called & sometimes who calling. Listening on phone.

Canning currants, cherries, strawberries gooseberries.

gooseberries almost transparent, see seeds thru. pale green veined with white.

pick gooseberries & currants & can them half green to save from chickens.

Rocks - barred & white round, chunky bodies scarcely any comb or tail

Leghorns - white - long legs, long, slim body, long, upright tail. tall,

"It don't pay to raise poultry unless you raise the feed yourself. Put in wheat that's the best - some oats, a few mangels - & a field of buckwheat wouldn't hurt none. If you don't feed 'em good they won't lay."

"You can't plow after the middle of Aug. if you want to raise wheat. You got to plow by then and then harrow crosswise & lengthwise once a week till the sowing & you ought to sow by Sept. 10."

"It don't pay ~~to~~ not to prepare land good. Some fellows plow land

half-hearted + drag it twice an' call it ready. You can't grow nothing that way. We plow good an' cultivate four times twice each way. Then we got something to work with."

"Sand's all right if you know how to handle it and put on plenty of manure."

"You can count on between one + two tons of peas an acre."

Plant wheat after peas are cut on same land.

Cool nights bad for Corn.

Discussion whether have had as much rain as usual. Argue whether rains have been heavy or light.

July 10

wild flowers
yarrow strong, spicy smell
Canada thistle
mayweed
common mullein
motherwort
wild carrot or Queen Anne's lace

July 13

"black caps" (black raspberries) beginning to ripen
stumps fences half buried in raspberry bushes.
peas still in field yellow
grape yellow

oats beginning to yellow
wheat a deep orange-
tawny color

milkweed in bloom
daisies
yellow flowers on mullein

thimbleberries = blackberries

girl has helped fiance with money to put him thru college. he jilts her & marries another woman. feeling that she can't go on living. fill life with activity- never sit & think, take up dancing or pastime, go with other men. = memories torture:

Uncle George Henry
80 looks & acts like
60. works in garden.
goes downtown every
day. jumps in & out
of car when taken
for a ride.

very fond of
reading. borrows a
book from friend or
library and reads it
2 or 3 times in succession.
= I never voted
anything but Tory in
my life. Tory's good
enough for me."

had a ~~so~~farm in
~~Ohio~~ Man. homesteaded
in the 70's. retired
well-to-do.

Calla	Gwynneth	George
Zella	Pauline	Irin
Marian	Eva	Frank
Alta	Viola	Tom
Fern	Grace	Carl
Kathleen	Ivy	Alec
Carrie	Marjorie	Glen
Martha		Clifford
Thora		Kenneth
Eunice		Allan
Blanch		
Gladys		
Eileen		
Alice		
Edith		
Maurine		
Fanny		
Hazel		
Norma		
Madeline		
Isabel		
Hilda		
Merla		
Olive		

= wild as a hawk"
= Count" of eggs = 6. 3 in each hand.
= turned out"

percussion fat, tight, pipe
mouth held a pipe.

quilts - nothing ever wasted
sweaters patched - sleeves
cut off, altered little
by little.

furniture = patched - stuffing
Cushioned, covered with
chintz.

crochet work.

home papering - borders
oil cloth patched - shelves
worn off in stripes.

walls - home painted, heavy
muddy opaque color.

Wandering flies in rows in
pictures & grandmas in pots
Calendars - dog-pictures
of horses. = they can't figure
who the wife they etc.

last stump fence on a farm. wire put in & stumps burned.

= No use for a man to stay on a farm if he can't make a living on it. If he can't make a living he better get off."

= I never believed in people keeping a hired man and not paying him. That's no way to do. You won't get along that way."

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old negro. works for people for years for food & clothes. lives in little house of his own.